

Minutes
CA Watershed Advisory Committee
May 5, 2009
Final

The regular meeting of the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) was called to order on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 7:05 pm in the Board Room at Columbia Association Headquarters. In attendance were Members Robert Schweinfurth (Chair), Brian England (Vice Chair), Jane Dembner, Mark Charles, Monica Schmitt, Sylvia Huestis, Atal Eralp, Debbie Cappuccitti (arrived 7:20pm). Also in attendance for Columbia Association were Sean Harbaugh (Staff Liaison), Steve Sattler, and Jan Clark.

Approval of Agenda

England moved to approve the agenda. Dembner seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. (Cappuccitti was not present at time of vote)

Approval of April 7 Minutes

Charles moved to approve the minutes. Dembner seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0. (Cappuccitti was not present at time of vote)

Watershed Advisory Committee

Sattler addressed the need to revise the Charter to better define WAC responsibilities and for the Minutes to more closely adhere to Robert's Rules. Sattler also defined the role of an advisory committee.

Committee Member Conduct

Schweinfurth spoke on the need for Committee civility when discussing issues to ensure continued productivity.

Columbia Watershed Management Plan

Motion – Recommend to the External Relations Committee to send to the CA Board of Directors to Accept and File the CA Watershed Management Plan.

Charles motioned. Eralp seconded. Vote was 8-0-0

Watershed Policy Workgroup

WAC reviewed the May 5 draft of the CA Watershed Protection Policy.

Action – WAC members to submit comments to Charles no later than May 19.

Action – CA to send a sample policy document to all WAC members to review CA format

Early Action Projects

1) Columbia Cleans Day

178 volunteers attended throughout Columbia Association

Recommendations – Put up signs around lakes in the future and encourage business sponsorships

2) Save the Planet Day

Will take place May 30 – 10:00am – 2:00pm

3) Rain Barrel Event

60-70 people attended

Rain Barrels were sold out before the event – 51 sold

Next event – Early August

4) BikeAbout

177 attended the event

5) Community Reforestation Event

Versa Plan identified 23 sites in 8 Villages as excellent, good or moderate candidate sites for reforestation

Current plan is for 3-5 reforestation planting projects, including community planting events per year

At current projections, total reforestation per Versa Plan would take 14 years, at least

Goal – To have volunteer organizations commit a group of at least 10 volunteers for each community planting event. Funding goal is that at least 50% of reforestation projects funded at least partially through grants

Next event – Fall/October

Action – WAC to help identify volunteer organizations by July 2009

Action – WAC to discuss fall community projects with their Villages, which would be in addition to CA projects

Action – Clark to create draft letter to solicit partners such as the Boy Scouts to participate in reforestation projects

Village Board Communications

Action - Update Village Boards when CA BOD Accepts and Files Watershed Management Plan

Action – Update Villages on Early Action Projects

Action – Schedule WAC meeting with Village Covenant Advisors to educate and gain support

Membership Update

Ray Gard from Kings Contrivance has resigned from WAC. Harbaugh to work with Village on replacement

Committee Minutes

Minutes will contain a brief description of the agenda item

Minutes will include motions and actions

Minute's last section will list all action items with names and dates

Other Business

CA to include WAC members on all watershed related press releases

Adjournment

Charles motioned. Cappuccitti seconded. 7-0-0 (Dembner left meeting at (8:10pm)

Future Agenda Items

CA Watershed Protection Policy

Village PowerPoint Presentation

Update on CA Board of Directors, Accepting and Filing of Watershed Management Plan

Creation of a WAC Covenant Sub-Committee

WAC Charter Revisions

Status of Guest Speaker Recommended by England

Action Items

Action – All WAC members to submit comments to Charles no later than May 19

Action – Harbaugh to send a sample CA policy document to all WAC members by May 25

Action – All WAC to identify partners for reforestation by July 2009

- Action – WAC to discuss fall community projects with their Villages, which would be in addition to CA projects, by June 30
- Action – Clark to create draft letter to solicit partners such as the Boy Scouts to participate in reforestation projects, by May 25
- Action – Sattler to Update Village Boards when CA BOD Accepts and Files Watershed Management Plan – After CA BOD votes
- Action – WAC members to update Villages on Early Action Projects by June 30
- Action – Sattler to schedule WAC meeting with Village Covenant Advisors to educate and gain support, by June 30